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USS WILLIAM C LAWE

USS MEREDITH

USS ROBERT A OWENS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCLR, MARR, BF

SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL SHIP VISIT NASSAU 3-8 MARCH 76

1. SUBJECT VISIT JUST COMPLETED BY YOU, YOUR STAFF, USS LAWE, USS MEREDITH, AND USS OWENS WAS, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PORT VISIT BY ANY U.S. NAVY SHIPS TO NASSAU IN THE RECENT MEMORY OF THOSE HERE. THOUGH MANY NAVY SHIPS HAVE VISITED DURING MY TENURE AS AMBASSADOR, NONE HAVE HAD SUCH A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AS DID YOURS. THE VISIT (AND THE SERIES OF EVENTS SURROUNDING IT) WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT YET IN THE ON-GOING, JOINT US/BAHAMIAN OBSERVANCE OF THE US BICENTENNIAL.

2. THROUGHOUT THE VISIT, THE APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOUS, AND PROFESSIONALISM OF YOUR MEN AND SHIPS WERE NOTHING SHORT OF OUTSTANDING. YOUR SHIPS HOSTED APPROXIMATELY 18,000 VISITORS AND HELD NUMEROUS LUNCHEONS, PROVIDING THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT

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AND PEOPLE WITH A LASTING AND FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF THE

U.S. AT A PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE TIME IN US/BAHAMIAN RELATIONS.  
THE CONSISTENT ATTITUDE OF YOUR MEN AND SHIPS THAT NO EFFORT  
WAS TOO GREAT TO MAKE THE VISIT SUCCESSFUL, WAS PARTICULARLY  
COMMENDABLE AND IT WAS THAT ATTITUDE WHICH MADE THE VISIT SUCH  
A NOTEWORTHY SUCCESS.

3. THOUGH MORE DETAILED REPORTS OF THE VISIT WILL BE GIVEN  
TO ALL CONCERNED, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND  
MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO YOU, YOUR STAFF, AND THE CO'S,  
OFFICERS, AND MEN OF LAWE, MEREDITH, AND OWENS FOR YOUR  
COMBINED EFFORTS IN NASSAU. THE NAVY AND THE NATION CAN BE  
JUSTIFIABLY PROUD.

4. WELL DONE\*  
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